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### PROCUREMENT AND ASSIGNMENT SERVICE FOR PHYSICIANS

New Selective Service Ages (20-45) Will Make Sixteen Thousand Physicians Available for Military Service.—The United States is at war with two strongly militarized nations. The armed forces of the United States must now be fully and promptly implemented. Six physicians are necessary to care for the medical needs of every one thousand soldiers; therefore, with each million soldiers, six thousand physicians will be required for the Army alone. Our present Army consists of 1,480,000 men, and its Medical Corps includes 10,000 physicians, 2,300 dentists, 600 veterinarians, 1,000 lay officers in the Medical Administrative Corps, 200 Sanitary Corps officers, and an enlisted personnel of 109,000 soldiers.

If, then, during the year 1942, the Army enrollment is extended to 4,000,000 men, as may happen, there will be an increase in the Medical Corps proportionate to the existing military establishment. The physicians who are required for our present and prospective armed forces in Army and Navy are drawn from civil life, and will come largely from the Selective Service age-

period group of 20-45 years.

Any physician in that group (of 20 to 45 years) may be inducted into military service. If his qualification record is on file, he can probably enter the service as a medical officer; but if he has neglected to enroll with the proper authorities. he may find himself initiated as a soldier of the line, to remain in that capacity until such time as a transfer to the Medical Corps can be made. During the line-soldier period he would receive only the pay of a soldier in the ranks, and be called upon to function as such.

The above facts indicate why every physician in the age-period mentioned should promptly send his name to the U. S. Procurement and Assignment Service for Physicians, of which Major Sam C. Seeley, M.D., is the Executive Director. The questions listed on the informative blank are printed in this issue\*, and a full page usuable blank of the same appears in the Journal of the American Medical Association for December 27, on page 2255.

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